



Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association

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From the President

Let me begin by welcoming Desert Storm members Dale Hancock, Charles Bickers, George Huggins, Raymond Lewis, Gary Mack, Paul Prokop, Raymond Borchert, William Buttler III, David McConnell, Steven Day, Joseph Gosh, Michael Housefield, Thomas J. Johnson, George K. Kantz, Gary Kmetty, Daniel O'Toole, Loren Sendel and Henry A. Wallace, Jr. to our organization. They did an outstanding job and we are extremely proud of them. I look forward to hearing some "Gulf" stories at our next Re-union. And speaking of our next reunion, things are beginning to shape up. At the suggestion of many we have selected mid November 1992 in Reno, Nevada. We are still negotiating but pretty much locked into the Peppermill Hotel with rates between \$30 - \$40. More later on the reunion.

It goes without saying that the future of the CGCVA lies within our membership. In terms of growth and leadership, new membership must remain a priority goal. A strong membership will provide us the means to strengthen our present programs and to initiate new programs to better serve our members. Please join me in soliciting an eligible member to join our outstanding organization - a one of a kind organization - dedicated to continuing service to the Coast Guard and to its present and former members.

I must take this opportunity to apologize to those who write or leave phone messages. The volume is just too great to get an answer to each of you, try as I might. I must also thank all Board members and Officers for their outstanding efforts. We are surely on the move because of them and other dedicated members.

In closing, I wish you all good health and good times.

Semper Paratus,

BOB MAXWELL
NATIONAL PRESIDENT



Coast Guard and CGCVA Loses Friend.

Rep. Silvio O. Conte, the dean of the Massachusetts delegation to the United States House of Representatives, died on the evening of 8 February, 1991, at the National Institutes of Health. He was 69.

Conte, who had had surgery for prostate cancer in 1987, had been battling a progression of the disease. He died following an operation for a blood clot on the brain which was believed by doctors to have stemmed from his cancer.

A native of Pittsfield, Mass., Conte was elected to the House in 1958 after serving for eight years in the Massachusetts state Senate. Enormously popular in the House, he was famous for his denunciations of pork-barrel projects and wasteful government spending.

Silvio Conte was one of the Coast Guard's best friends up on the Hill, and in 1990 was awarded the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association's "Congressman Of The Year Award." To say he will be missed doesn't do justice to the void his passing leaves.

Jon. C. Uithol
Director of Legislative Affairs

Edgar P. Alexander, former Chief Boatswain, passed away. Mr. Alexander served in Mahoning and GORDON.

CGCVA sends Donation to Conte Fund because of notification received from Member Joe Houghton, Mass. Unfortunately, we receive notice of some members deaths from returned newsletters. When a member is known to be sick or in distress, Secretary Herb Reith should be notified at P.O. Box 681, Enka, NC 28728-0681, or phone him at (704)667-5722. We want to help our own and need the information.

DONATIONS: Desert Storm donation received from Willard F. DeLue. President Maxwell offered \$1000.00 for morale and recreation funding to the Coast Guard before Christmas but due to the complex operational status of our 'guys and gals in the Gulf the CG couldn't insure direct funding.

Frank Reinhold made a donation to the Munro fund.

The donations are appreciated and will be held in trust until properly disbursed.

DONATION OF SORTS: CWO George Huggins sent us a One Riyal bill from Saudi. Thanks, George. We'll have this in Reno for display, or if things get bad at the gaming tables we may have to cash it in.

SPEAKING OF MONEY: Treasury has a total of \$7,317.63 + \$50.47 Petty Cash as of 0001Z 3/18/91.

How did all this get started?

It all seems so long ago. On 2 August 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait. On 6 August, the UN called for a trade embargo. The US Navy was tasked with the at-sea enforcement of the embargo. The Navy quickly called upon the Coast Guard for help, having recognized our expertise through joint operations in the Caribbean and elsewhere. The formal request for assistance was presented to the Secretary of Transportation on 17 August. On 24 August, 46 Coast Guard men reported to the Commander, United States Maritime Interception Force, embarked in USS LASALLE (AGF-3), forward deployed in Bahrain.

What did we do?

I served as commander of the detachment and as RADM Fogarty's advisor on boarding and interception issues. Our second in command, a lawyer, was assigned to the force judge advocate's staff. Our four staff Lieutenants manned the interception watch on board USS LASALLE. The ten, four man law enforcement detachments (LEDETs) deployed to US Navy frigates, destroyers and cruisers in the Red Sea, the Arabian (Persian) Gulf and the Gulf of Oman.

It was the LEDETs that did the real work of boarding vessels, examining papers and cargo, and recommending diversion of vessels found to be carrying prohibited cargo (all except medical supplies). Typical quarters were cots in passageways, as the Navy vessels were carrying full wartime complements, plus extras such as our boarding teams and US Army helicopter detachments. Daytime temperatures reached 125 degrees. Boardings were conducted around the clock and often in high seas.

LEDET members surmounted many obstacles - hostile masters, obstructionist crews and smelly cargo (they encountered a number of sheep carriers - think about 5000 sheep at 125 degrees). Iraqi vessels refused to stop or allow boardings as a matter of course. This required the firing of warning shots and the insertion of special forces personnel by helicopter to secure vessels before the LEDETs could get aboard. Iraqi crews would actively obstruct the boardings by locking all compartments and then "misplacing" the keys, holding pictures of Saddam Hussein and chanting in Arabic, insisting on being allowed to pray at the specified hours, officers refusing to muster with crews, etc. Every Iraqi boarding involved armed confrontation, a test of will, and off-the-scale stress levels.

How did we do?

The interception operation itself went well. A number of violations were detected and ships were prevented from delivering their cargo to Iraq. It was disappointing to discover that a number of companies from the participating countries, including the United States, were actively seeking to evade the embargo and to continue to trade with Iraq.

Our people performed superbly in all aspects of the operation. Senior US and foreign Navy commanders repeatedly praised the resourcefulness, professionalism and restraint exhibited by our junior personnel. US Navy commanders were amazed at the maturity demonstrated by our junior officers and petty officers - no US Navy personnel of equivalent would have been allowed to do what our people did every day.

Of greatest comfort to each of us was the superb effort put forth by our wives, sweethearts and children in carrying on with their lives and managing our affairs while we were absent. Their unswerving loyalty and support let us carry out our nation's responsibilities in a far distant land.

The General and the Coast Guard CPO. The Coast Guard CPO passed very close to a General in the Air Force while in a building. The General yelled, "Sergeant". The CPO kept walking. The General yelled again, "Sergeant". The CPO kept walking. Finally, the General ran, placed himself in front of the CPO and said, "Sergeant, I'm talking to you. You failed to salute me. I am an Air Force General and in command of this entire base. The CPO looked at him and said, "General, I'm a Chief Petty Officer in the U. S. Coast Guard and not a sergeant. Further, we of the Naval Service do not salute under cover." The General said, "What would you be if you were in the Air Force." The CPO replied, "A General, I guess."

Did this really happen? During a landing in the South Pacific a Coast Guard Ensign was the Beachmaster and setting up the landing area. Several enlisted men with Thompson's were helping. A sniper's bullet came close to the Beach Party. One of the guys with a Thompson asked, "Sir, can I track down that sniper?". The Officer said, "No, I don't want anyone leaving this immediate area." The guy who wanted to do some tracking said, "O.K. Sir, but I would hate to see that sniper kill an officer." The Ensign then said, "Go get that S.O.B."

Hank Rogers, Jr. recuperating at home. Hank is the guy that arranged the Yard trip this past July. We still have some pictures of the group if you are interested.

E. S. "WYNN" KENTON relocates. Wynn is now at the Victory House, #906, 2201 Colston Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20910, phone 301-585-2711. Drop Wynn a line or call him up. Wynn served in THETIS, LOWE and PRIDE, was a loveable corpsman that gave easy shots.

NEW MEMBERS

ABLAMSKY, Michael, Jr. - HOWARD D. CROW (DE-252)
ALREAD, Lawrence R. - RONONE/CTF 115
ALTIMONT, Orlando W. - JOS. T. DICKMAN/LANSING
ANTHONY, Vincet J. - TAHOE, HYBISCUS/AKLAK/NEW BEDFORD
ASHCROFT, William F. - DURANT, DAPHNE
BAER, Philip D. - USS ALBILENE PF-58
BAILEY, Giles - SANDUSKY
BASSFORD, Edgar T. - HAIDA, CODINGTON
BEARD, "A" "J" - BARNETTE, BRUNSWICK
BEATTIE, SR., David D. - SEBAGO, ABSECON, HUMBOLDT
BELL, Ross - PT WELCOME
BICKERS, Charles J. - DESERT STORM PSU 302
BLASCOVICH, Charles J. - ASPEN
BOOTH, Edgar P. - GEN C. G. MORTON, ENCELADUS, STEROPE
BORCHERT, Raymond A. - DESERT STORM, PSU 303
BOTHE, Daniel F. - SEBAGO
BRAUSCH, Joseph E. - POUGHKEEPSIE
BRENNER, Louis J. - HUNTER LIGGETT APA 14
BROWN, Willis M. - COMMANCHE, FS 255, GEN HOWZE
BRUSH, Homer C. - RARITAN, ACQUARIUS
BRYLE, Walter D. - NOURMAHAL, ICARUS, CAMBRIA
BUCKO, Chester A. - MERRILL
BUTLER, William R. III - DESERT STORM PSU 302
CAMPOLONGO, Alfred A. - MORGANTHAU, CAMPBELL
CARLSEN, Eric P. - MORGANTHAU
CASSIDY, Hugh J.B. - CAVALIER
CHAMBERS, William P. - NEWELL, FALGOUT
COHEN, Herbert - CAVALIER, CLOVER
CZYMBOR, Bernard C. - WWII
D'ANGELO, Anthony G. - 83514 RESFLO, APALACHEE
DAY, Steven E. - DESERT STORM PSU 303
DAZBAZ, Walter - GENTIAN, LOWE
DELLUCKY, Joseph S. - MENEMSHA, HARVESON
DERDERIAN, Charles - LST 759
DERKACH, George - WWII
DESMARAIS, Eugene - KEY WEST
DIDYCHUK, Nicholas - HARVESON
DODD, Charles R. - CGC 1994, 74322
DODSON, Jack F. - BIBB
DOYLE, Robert E. - NOURMAHAL, COVINGTON, HIBISCUS
DREW, Fred B. - WAKEFIELD, EXCELLER, SAMUEL CHASE, NOURMAHALL, PIEQUOT
DRULARD, Roy O. - MC LANE, MERRILL
DZUGAN, Michael - 83437
FASULO, Frank A. - A. P. RICHARDSON
FAZI, Aurdis M. - AQUARIUS
FRASER, Charles D. - GEN W. P. RICHARDSON
FRIES, Casper L. - USS EUGENE
FREY, William M. - TAMPA
GAETZI, JR. John A. - MODOC
GEORGE, Harold F. - ALBIREO, GEN. WM. M. BLACK, PONTCHARTRAIN
GERRARD, Gene
GIBBONS, Thomas F. - MERRILL
GILLINGHAM, William L. - CG DIV 11 RVN
GOLDRICK, Stephen H. - 83481, YEATON
GOSH, Joseph N. - DESERT STORM PSU 303
GRABAU, Reuben E. - LOWE
GREEN, Walter T. - LEONARD WOOD
HAAS, Louis W. - HAWTHORN, ARBUTUS, CAMBRIA
HADDON, Patricia - Widow
HALBERG, John C., Sr. - GEN WM. M. BLACK

NEW MEMBERS (Con't)

HANCOCK, Dale G. - SEBAGO, DESERT STORM
 HAYES, John B. - RONONE, LORAN
 HAWLEY, Harvey W. - HERMES, ENCELADUS
 HARRIS, Freddy W. - BLACKHAW
 HEATH, Curtis O. - WWII
 HEATHCOTE, Thomas B. - USS BATH (PF-55)
 HEIDELMEIER, William J. - HARVESON
 HESS, Harry J. Jr. - VANCE, MERRILL, COURIER
 HESSE, Edward A. - STORIS
 HOHLFELDT, Kenn W.
 HOLLAND, John W. - 83330, 83333, FREDERICK LEE
 HOUSEFIELD, Michael W. - DESERT STORM PSU 302
 HUGGINS, George M. - DESERT STORM
 HULT, Roy E. - LST 832
 JACKSON, George R. - LST -19
 JOHNSON, Irving L. - WWII
 JOHNSON, Thomas J. - DESERT STORM PSU 303
 JORDAN, Milo A. - HUNTER LIGGETT, THEENIM, CHAUTAUQUA
 JORGENSEN, Keith H. - NORTHLAND, HAIDA, INGHAM, RANDALL
 KANTZ, George K. - DESERT STORM PSU 303
 KEENE, Henry C., Jr. - BIBB, DUANE, FALGOUT, CAMPBELL
 KIMMEL, Vernon J. - USS COR CAROLI AK 91
 KMETTY, Gary M. - DESERT STORM PSU 303
 KNABE, Thomas D.
 KROEGER, Stanley M. - USS COBB, FS-312, AP-155
 KROGMAN, Robert L. - INGHAM
 LE FROIS, Robert G. - 339 Guam, 337 Saipan, 336 Ulithi
 LEONIS, Richard R. - USS VAN BUREN
 LEWIS, Raymond H. Jr. - DESERT STORM PSU 302
 LIEDTKE, Francis C. - HARVESON, USCG 115, USCG 108
 MACK, Gary W. - DESERT STORM 302
 MANNING, John F. - MANITOWOC
 MARSHALL, George - MINTAKA
 MASTASCUSA, Albert A. - 83417, EL PASO
 MATHIS, John R. - WWII, CORSAIRS
 MAXEY, Ernest T. - USS GENERAL GORDON
 MC CONNELL, David J. - DESERT STORM PSU 302
 MC CRACKEN, Donald D. - CHAMPLAIN, WAKEFIELD, PEORIA
 MC GOVERN, Harold J. - BIG HORN
 MEAD, Robert H. - NORTHLAND, MERRILL, HARRIET LANE
 MERCER, Herbert J. - COOK INLET, MATAGORDA
 MERKEL, Gerhardt - TAHOMA
 MEYER, Lester F.
 MILDNER, Robert F.
 MILLER, Joseph G. - ACQUARIUS
 MONAHAN, William J. - WAKEFIELD
 MULLINGS, Marshall E. - FALGOUT, 83377, CGC-617
 MYERS, Joshua E. - MANZANITA, PC-467, CALYPSO, FS-275
 MYERS, Leonard - MOHAWK, PERT, ARTHUR MIDDLETON
 NANCE, Barry - PT CLEAR
 NEE, William P. - PRIDE
 NELSON, Lyle R. - TANEY, SEBAGO, STORIS
 NICKERSON, Arthur G. - HAMILTON, VULCAN, STRATFORD, GEN HOWZE, GEN
 GREELY, NORTHWIND
 OBELENUS, Edward V. - BRAMBLE
 O'LEARY, Daniel E. - CG 83500
 ORTBLAD, John M.
 O'TOOLE, Daniel F. - DESERT STORM PSU 303
 PERREAULT, Frank C. - HYACINTH, MAYFLOWER, BIBB

NEW MEMBERS (CON't)

PETERS, Robert J. - AP-116
 PETERSON, Charles R. - COMANCHE, MERRILL, KNOXVILLE
 PHILBRICK, Albert L. - SC-527
 PIERCE, Richard F. - LST 26
 PIERCE, Vernon F. - KEY WEST
 PINO, Domenic A. - WAKEFIELD, MADALAN
 PORTER, Richard M. - PC 556, AP 61
 PRINSELAAR, Roberto J. - KOREAN WAR
 PROKOP, Paul J. - DESERT STORM
 PROUSE, Lewis O. - PF10 BROWNSVILLE
 REIDT, Leroy J. - NORTH STAR, WICOMICO, SORREL, DUANE, ARIADNE
 REIS, Charles E. - PC 556
 REYNOLDS, Victor R. - MOHAWK, WAKEFIELD, DICKMAN, RICHARDSON, BRECKNRDGE
 ROSENTHAL, Sam
 ST YVES, Albert L. - MOHAWK, BIG HORN
 SCOONES, Vernon W. - OGDEN
 SENDEL, Loren P. - DESERT STORM PSU 303
 SHANAHAN, Edward J. - MERRILL
 SHANKSTER, Dale C. - AQUARIUS
 SHEARER, Daniel A. - DALLAS, STEADFAST
 SHEENE, Gerald T. - NEWELL
 SHULL, Sherman - 83503 RESFLO
 SHROYER, Elmer H. - AQUARIUS (NAGASAKI 2 weeks after "A" bomb explosion)
 SMITH, George W. - PRIDE
 SMITH, Paul V. - USS BAYFIELD
 SPYTKOWSKI, Daniel A. - PRES. JEFFERSON, 83449, SASSAFRAS
 SYNOS, Edward M. - PETERSON, CG 77002, CG 780002
 SWEENEY, Stephen P. -
 THOMSON, John F. - HAMILTON
 TOCZYLOWSKI, Edward - RAMSDEN
 TOLMAS, Gregory A. - VIETNAM
 TRUCKENBRODT, Edward N. - LST 759
 ULRICH, Charles F. - GEORGE M. RANDALL, GALATEA
 VOLKLE, Thomas C. - DIV 12 RVN
 WALLACE, Henry C. Jr. - DESERT STORM PSU 303
 WEBRIGHT, John E. - USS EUGENE
 WELLS, William R. II - VIETNAM
 WHALEN, Rod K. - LST 764
 WOODBURY, Robert F. - MODOC
 WORKMAN, Robert H. - BALSAM, CEDAR, BLACKTHORN
 YOUNG, Warren B. - LEOPOLD (Survivor)
 ZEPP, Reginald M. - DE-392

Should you want a print-out of former shipmates who are members of our Association, write Secretary Herb Reith, P.O. Box 681, Enka, NC 28728-0681. Please send Herb a large, extra stamped, self addressed envelope. Herb will only send out individual ships and not our entire mailing list.

REUNIONS

Coast Guard City U.S.A. (Grand Haven, Michigan)

Every year, in the week that has August 4th (Coast Guard Birthday) the City of Grand Haven, Michigan, officially designated Coast Guard City, U.S.A., honors former and present members of the Coast Guard with a week long festival of activities. Grand Haven is located in the Southwest part of the lower peninsula of the State of Michigan on Lake Michigan. It is 171 miles from Chicago, 191 miles from Detroit and 339 miles from Cleveland, Ohio to give you some sense of distance.

If you have not had the opportunity to visit Grand Haven during this annual event you should seriously consider doing so if your personal schedule permits. The Festival Committee plans a series of events for every day of the Festival.

This annual event attracts thousands of tourists which is culminated with one of the best parades you will ever see. Because of the large crowds, lodging in Grand Haven is at a premium and hard to get at this time. However 10 miles North the City of Muskegon has ample lodging at affordable prices.

This is being mentioned in this Newsletter to alert you to this popular annual event honoring men and women of the Coast Guard. In our June Newsletter we will publish specific dates and addresses and phone numbers for tickets, etc.

Dick Ahrens, phone number 616-865-6434 lives in Fruitport, Michigan 7 miles from Grand Haven, and will gladly assist any member who may be interested in attending.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL REUNION???

To see if there is any interest in having a Southwest Regional Reunion in addition to the National Reunion, I will be contacting those members residing in California, Nevada and Arizona for their opinions.

Some of the questions to be considered are:

Are you interested in attending a Southwest Regional Reunion?

If so, where? (Should be a location minimizing the travel for everyone).

How often? (Perhaps the years alternating with our National Reunion.)

Of what duration should it be?

Preference of a specific month?

Week days or week ends?

Would you be willing to help plan the reunion?

Would you be willing to help during the reunion?

Please give these questions some thought so that when I contact you (in the near future) you will be able to respond.

Ray Hertica, Director, CGCOMVETS, 14332 Hope Street, Garden Grove, CA 92643

REUNIONS (Con't)

USS CAVALIER APA-37 WWII REUNION. September, 1991 in Las Vegas. For information contact: Herb Cohen, 4151 Sanderling Cir. #346, Las Vegas, NV 89103. Cesar Romero, assault boat coxswain expects to attend.

USCGC MODOC W-46 REUNION. May 29th until June 2nd, 1991, Seattle, Washington. Contact Burt McChesney, 508 147th Street, Bellevue, WA 98007, phone 206-747-2175 or Maurice Steinberg, 1 Clearland Ave., P.O. Box 178 Carle Place, NY 11514, phone 516-334-5309.

USS GEN. WM. MITCHELL AP-114/USS GEN. GEORGE M. RANDALL AP-115/
USS GEN. W. H. GORDON AP-117. September 12th-15th, 1991 - Clarion Hotel, New Orleans, LA. Contact Harry S. Parker, P.O. Box #732, New Paltz, NY 12561, phone 914-255-5703 or Carl F. Telecsan, 109 Blackjack Lane, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 phone 803-236-0685.

COAST GUARD TRAINING STATION PONCE de LEON HOTEL, BENNETT, MARION AND MONSON HOTELS, OCEANVIEW HOTEL, GUNNERY SCHOOL SALT RUN. April 28-29-30, 1992, Ponce de Leon Resort, St. Augustine, Florida. For information, write: us Coast Guard Reunion, Fred & Marian Barnett, This was the Training Command of St. Augustine which was transferred there from Naval Station, Algiers, LA in the Fall of 1942 and remained operational until the end of WWII.

USS ARTHUR MIDDLETON APA 25. Second reunion, Marine Memorial Club, San Francisco, CA, September 12, 13, 14, 15, 1991. Contact Eugene Muntzner, 16 Webster Street, Floral Park, NY 11001 phone 516-354-6348 or Charles Balanti, San Carlos, CA phone 415-366-8965.

USS LST 886. September, 1991 New Orleans, LA. Contact Joseph McAuley, 89 Jeanette Ave., Staten Island, NYC, NY 10312, phone 718-984-4349

USS LANSING DE-388/WDE-488/DER-388. April 18-21, 1991 Cape May, NJ. Contact C. A. Parker, 4101 Huckleberry Drive, Raleigh, NC 27612.

LST 23. May 1-5, 1991 Houston, TX. Contact Mario Falbo, 8314 Meadville, Houston, TX 77061 phone 713-645-7093.

Should you have a reunion notice, a story, whatever, send it to us at: 6858 Lafayette Road, Medina, Ohio 44256.

President Maxwell and Board of Directors want a quarterly newsletter. There will be a quarterly newsletter effective with the first quarter of 1991. Allow us a little room on the content, printing, spelling and proofreading. There is just one old Coastie with poor eyes, poor hearing and arthritis typing this sucker.

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11 February 1991

Hon. George Bush, President
United States of America
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

As an American concerned with the welfare of our service men and women in Desert Shield assignments I demand that you take immediate steps to force the Internal Revenue Service to cease and desist from taxing Disability Severance Pay from Honorably Discharged Disabled Veterans. The Department of Veterans Affairs is required by law to recoup 100% of this so-called benefit. Even though the ENTIRE amount is recouped by the government the IRS refuses to refund income taxes withheld AND paid on this money.

This is a travesty being perpetrated on the men and women who have served their country and this immoral practice must be stopped right now.

We can do no less for these brave men and women.

Very truly yours,

Herbert W. Reith
Secretary-Coast Guard
Combat Veterans
Association

IRS Steals money from newly Disabled Veterans

The IRS, in its latest outrage, is refusing to refund taxes it collected from disabled veterans even though another federal agency recouped the entire amount of money that taxes were paid on.

How did such a state of affairs happen? Let's discuss a typical case.

A man in his second enlistment in the U.S. Marine Corps was involved in a training accident and was injured. After being released from the Naval Hospital he was informed that a Board of Medical Survey had been convened and that, due to the disabling conditions of his injuries, he could no longer meet the physical requirements of the Corps and was being medically discharged. As he did not have 10 years of active duty he was ineligible for a Disability Retirement.

Upon being discharged he was given Disability Severance Pay (DSP) by a "grateful nation." Income tax was withheld on the full amount of the DSP and he was required to report it, and include it as taxable income on his tax return (1040).

This sounds reasonable except for ONE MAJOR thing. The Marine Corps failed to tell him that upon applying for Disability Compensation to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) they would withhold any money due him from the VA until the FULL AMOUNT OF THE Disability Severance Pay was recouped by the VA. In effect what the Marine Corps (or any other branch of the service) giveth, the VA taketh away. So now good old Uncle Sam not only has back the full DSP payment but also the income tax paid on it. The IRS has ruled that the veteran was not entitled to a refund of taxes paid on the DSP as it was a lump sum payment. What in hell has that got to do with the issue. The fact is the government gave him money, the IRS made him pay tax on it, the government took the money back, the IRS refuses to refund the tax paid on the recouped money. If that is legal, moral or ethical then something is radically wrong with what this government has become.

This particular Marine was taken by the IRS for over \$1,800.00. He "ain't" got the disability severance pay and he "ain't" got the eighteen hundred bucks he paid in taxes on it.

If you think that newly discharged wounded and injured veterans of Desert Storm, who will be the next class of disabled veterans to "get the shaft", deserve better then start writing your Congressman, Senator, President and every other SOB in Washington you can think of to stop this "Rape of service members who put their lives on the line for this country."

WRITE, TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH AND ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN THINK OF TODAY TO STOP THIS TRAVESTY ON JUSTICE AND FAIR PLAY! Tell them that you demand that they take steps to immediately force the IRS to refund ANY and ALL Income Taxes collected and/or paid on all Military Disability Separation Pay that has been recouped by the Department of Veterans Affairs and that this practice shall be terminated immediately.

Armed Forces Reunion BBS
(704) 667-8021
On line 24 hours a day at
300/1200/2400/9600 baud (8N1)

Vets Take A Hit

“Major losers during the stormy closing days of Congress were the nation’s veterans.” — AARP Bulletin Editorial

Additional VA Medical Access Restrictions Now Law

(Following are excerpts from VFW Veteran Benefit News by Herbert Reilh, Fleet Reserve Association National Service Officer and DESA National VAWS Representative)

As a result of the recent “Budget Reconciliation Act” many significant changes and restrictions in VA medical care access have been enacted by the just adjourned Congress. While care for service connected conditions and some lower income veterans has not been materially reduced, other groups of veterans have not fared as well. The legislation has placed even further restrictions than Congress imposed in 1986 on health care to what is termed “Discretionary” veterans. In addition, the legislation has implemented and/or expanded “**revenue generating**” authority in the provision of this care. Non-Service connected veterans with incomes above certain levels, no matter if they are included in Lincoln’s famous quote, “To care for him who has borne the battle,” will only be provided VA medical care on a space and resource available basis. They may be required to make certain payments for their care based on level of income and net worth.

Following is the latest information provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Service and Research Administration on the implementation of these provisions.

VA Hospital and Nursing Home Care Eligibility

Public Law 99-272, The Veterans Health Care Amendment of 1986, and Public Law 101-508, The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, provided that **in patient hospital care shall** be furnished certain veterans, while **nursing home care may** be provided to the extent resources and facilities are available.

Specifically, this legislation has now established **TWO** categories of veteran eligibility for VA health care - “**MANDATORY**” (formerly called Category A) and **DISCRETIONARY**” (formerly called Categories B and C). Within these two categories, the law also established new and additional eligibility assessment procedures, based on income levels, for determining which non-service connected veterans may be eligible for VA medical care without cost. The income levels will be adjusted on 1 January each year and shall be increased by the percentile increase in social security benefits.

Under these two categories the VA **shall** provide hospital care (not outpatient care even though the outpatient clinic is physically located within the confines of a VA Medical Center) and **may** provide nursing home care to veterans in the “Mandatory” category and **may** provide hospital (not outpatient) and nursing home care to veterans in the “Discretionary” category if space and resources are available in VA facilities. Veterans placed in the “Discretionary” category must agree to make certain payments to the VA for their care before they will be considered eligible for VA medical care.

Veterans in the “Mandatory” category who will not be subject to the eligibility assessment are as follows:

1. Service connected veterans
2. Former Prisoners of War
3. Veterans who were exposed to ionizing radiation (AKA atomic bomb fallout) during atmospheric testing and in the occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki or who were exposed to herbicides (IE: Agent Orange) while serving in Vietnam, and who need treatment for conditions that **MIGHT** be related to this exposure.
4. Veterans receiving Non-Service Connected VA Pensions.
5. Veterans of the Spanish-American War, the Mexican Border Period or World War I. (This category comprises less than 1% of the veteran community.)
6. Veterans eligible for Medicaid (**NOT** Medicare)

ALL other non-service connected veterans, regardless of age, as follows:

“MANDATORY” VETERAN: Hospital care is considered “**MANDATORY**” for a veteran subject to the eligibility assessment as explained above but has an income of \$16,240.00 or less if single, or \$20,688.00 or less if married, plus a \$1,150.00 for each additional dependent. Inpatient hospital care in VA facilities **shall** be provided to veterans in the “**MANDATORY**” category. Nursing home care **may** be provided in VA facilities, **if space and resources are available.**

“DISCRETIONARY” VETERANS: Hospital care is considered “**DISCRETIONARY**” if the veteran has no VA recognized service connection and income over that shown above under “**MANDATORY**” Veteran. The veteran **MUST** agree to pay an amount equivalent to that which the veteran would have to pay under Medicare. The VA **MAY** provide hospital, outpatient and nursing home care in VA facilities to those in the “**DISCRETIONARY**” category, **if space and resources are available.**

If the care is considered “**DISCRETIONARY**” the veteran will be charged, and will be personally responsible for the cost of care that is received, or \$592.00 (current figure), whichever is less, for the first 90 days of care during any 365 day period. For additional 90 days of inpatient hospital care, the veteran would have to pay half the then current Medicare deductible. For each 90 days of nursing home care, the veteran will have to pay the **full** Medicare deductible.

In **ADDITION** to the above cited payments, the veteran will be charged a co-payment of **\$10.00 per day** for hospital inpatient care, **\$5.00 per day** for nursing home care, and **\$26.00 for each outpatient visit.**

Please note that these required payments will be adjusted (usually upward) annually.

How Income is Assessed

Total income and net worth under the eligibility assessment include social security, U.S. Civil Service retirement, U.S. Railroad retirement, military retirement, unemployment insurance, any other retirement from any source, gross wages (before deductions) from all employers, interest and dividends, workers’ compensation, black lung benefits and any and all other gross income for the calendar year prior to the veteran’s application for care. The income of spouses and dependents as well as the market value of stocks, bonds, notes, individual retirement accounts, bank deposits, savings and accounts, cash, etc. must also be reported. Debts are subtracted from assets to determine net worth. The veterans primary residence and personal property (clothing, etc.) shall not be reported either as an asset (value) or a debt (mortgage). A veteran will not be required to provide proof of income or net worth beyond filling out the Financial Worksheet, VA form 10-10f. However, the VA **DOES HAVE** the statutory authority to obtain verification of the information provided from the Department of Human Services (Social Security benefit information) and the Internal Revenue Service (income reported to IRS for tax purposes such as 1040 returns).

Note: The Department of Veterans Affairs is now authorized to bill a veteran’s insurance carrier for the cost of medical care furnished for non-service connected conditions. If such insurance payments are received then the veteran will not be charged any co-payment or co-insurance required by the veteran’s health insurance policy.

VA Outpatient Care Eligibility

Public Law 100-322, The Veterans’ Benefit and Services Act of 1988 provided that outpatient **medical services SHALL** be furnished to certain veterans and **may**, at the discretion of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, be provided to other veterans to the extent resources and facilities are available in accordance with the following criteria:

- A. - The VA **shall** furnish outpatient care without limitation (excluding dental care except as noted):
 1. to veterans with a VA recognized service connected disability for that disability.
 2. for any disability of veterans assigned a service connected disability rating of 50% or more. Only veterans with an assigned service connected rating of 100% will be furnished dental care.

3. for any injury suffered by a veteran as a result of VA hospitalization.

4. for veterans in a VA approved vocational rehabilitation program.

B. - The VA **shall** furnish outpatient care for **any** condition on an ambulatory care basis to eliminate the need for hospitalization, to expedite the outpatient treatment needed in preparation for hospitalization or for short-term outpatient care for a condition for which the veteran was hospitalized to the following category of veterans:

1 - any 30% or 40% service connected disabled veteran

2 - any veteran whose annual income is **less** than the non-service connected pension rate of a veteran in need of aid and attendance.

C. The VA **may** furnish outpatient care without limitations to:

1 - former prisoners of war.

2 - World War I or Mexican Border Period veterans.

3 - veterans in receipt of a non-service connected pension with Aid and Attendance or housebound allowance.

Note: Not changed from prior eligibility requirements.

D. The VA **may** furnish outpatient care on an ambulatory basis to eliminate the need for hospitalization, to expedite the outpatient treatment needed in preparation for hospitalization, or for short-term outpatient care for which a veteran was hospitalized to:

1 - veterans exposed to a toxic substance or radiation.

2 - "Mandatory" category veterans whose income is more than the non-service pension rate of a veteran with Aid and Attendance allowance.

3 - "Discretionary" category veterans, subject to a co-payment.

Note: not changed from prior eligibility requirements.

VA Outpatient Medications

The Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 provides that veterans receiving medications on an outpatient basis from VA facilities shall make a payment of \$2.00 for **EACH** medication under the following conditions:

1 - Medication is for a non-service connected condition

2 - The \$2.00 payment is for **EACH** 30 day or less supply.

Veterans receiving medications for a service connected condition and veterans having a VA service connected rating of 50% or more shall not be required to make the co-payment.

Note: The VA is now undertaking a study to determine the cost of administering the collection of this \$2.00 per prescription fee. It is believed by this writer that the cost will exceed the receipts and will either not be implemented, the co-payment fee will be increased by congress or they will repeal this portion of the Act.

Other Important Facts For Those Who Are Disabled Military Retirees

Military retirees who were retired for disability reasons (not for years of service) and who have **NEVER APPLIED TO THE VA FOR A DISABILITY RATING** are considered as **non-service connected** veterans. They will be subject to the same eligibility assessment requirement as non-service connected veterans when they apply for treatment at a VA facility **unless** they are seeking treatment for the condition(s) for which they received the disability retirement. It is to the advantage of these military retirees to contact their nearest "friendly" veteran organization service officer and apply for a VA disability rating. Once a VA disability rating has been assigned then eligibility will have been established for treatment as a service connected veteran in accordance with the above guidelines. Whether the retiree chooses to waive part of his military retirement to receive VA compensation or will not change the VA determination that the retiree now truly is a disabled veteran.



Herb Relth, (left) Secretary of Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association thanks Dave Marcus of Skyland, N.C. for driving the U.S. Coast Guard car in the Daytona 500 this past February 16th.

The CGCVA Auxiliary

Our thanks to those members who have sent in their dues to Jane.

We have really grown in both membership and friendship. Reunions are so very nice--seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

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Please let us know what you would like to see and do in Reno, 1992. Let's make this our best reunion ever.

Do you want a Constitutional Amendment honoring Old Glory?

There is no better time than the present to write our U. S. Representative or U. S. Senators expressing the desire for a U. S. FLAG CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Our Association passed such a Resolution in Baltimore.

Highest Tidewater salt content? It has been said that the Red Sea has the highest salt content of any tidewater in the world. The people that make these tests (saltologists?) unfortunately were not at the Baltimore Inner Harbor in July, 1990 or they would have found that there was more salt in and around the Inner Harbor than in any place in the universe. Former Gunner's Mate Russ Brewer appeared to be among the saltiest. How did Russ end up back in Indiana? Someone said when he left the Coast, after WWII, he put two oars in his car and kept driving until he reached a place where no one knew what they were.

Really. During the War between the States, the Confederate high command decided that all members of their Armed Forces were heroes, hence no individual medals were given out. Evidently the Coast Guard, in many instances, felt the same way as the U. S. Mint wasn't worked overtime making CG Medals. One rather nice medal was the Silver Lifesaving Medal. Thanks to Jack Mathis we were able to see one in Baltimore. Jack turned his patrol boat around at night, jumped in to the North Atlantic, saved the Warrant Officer in charge who was in a sheepskin coat and was awarded the medal. Jack, if the officer saved was a Senior Officer, you would have surely been awarded the Gold Lifesaving Medal.

THE SAILOR

LCDR ROBERTO PRINSELAAR

I have sailed the mighty oceans
Weathered many a raging storm
I have seen so many places
Not a one of them my home
I have served on ships of battle
Helped to feed the cannons roar
Watched the fallen slide forever
Through the sea to ocean floor
I've seen the red flowing lava
I've seen the ice break on our bow
I've seen Fakirs do their magic
To this day I don't know how
I have been in Bhuddist Temples
Saw old Tribesmen paint their face
Saw more war in parts of Asia
I was glad to leave that place
I've shook with fever from malaria
I've also frozen in the night
When an icefloe broke our mooring
And I yearned for morning light
In bars from here to other places
I've been drunk, and laughed, and fought
Yes, I've truly been a sailor
And it's the world that I've been taught.

LCDR Prinselaar writes, "I was and still am one hell of a Boatswain Mate who took a demotion to LTJG and ended up a LCDR. I could rig any rig, splice wire and hemp, run any kind of floating vessel in any kind of weather, fire guns of all calibers, take incoming without having to change pants (most of the time), drink copious gallons of beer, hold my own in a fight, support and help my buddies no matter what, get tears in my eyes when I see the flag, and tell sea stories as good as any. A sailor through and through." Sounds like our kind of Boatswain Mate with a Rudyard Kipling propensity.

They did fight overseas. This letter refers to the issue of the Beacon dated Nov. 21. In the opinion column under a letter titled "Don't forget the Coast Guard," by H. Korke, Manahawkin, was an Editor's note. The Editor's note stated, in part, that the Coast Guard protects our shores but does not fight in battles overseas. During World War II the Coast Guard swelled to some 200,000 strong, manning Attack Transports, Destroyer Escorts, Frigates, and all types of amphibious craft in all theaters of war. In fact, there was not one invasion in either the Atlantic or the Pacific in which the Coast Guard was not involved. At Guadalcanal, a Coast Guardsman gave his life saving a group of Marines and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. I, as a member of the Coast Guard, was in the Normandy invasion on D-Day, H-Hour, in the first wave at Omaha Beach. We were fired upon and we fired back. I think that is a form of combat. The public, in general, is ignorant of the Coast Guard's wartime activities due to the lack of publicity. I am used to that but I think it is an affront to the families who have lost loved ones in the wars that an editor would print that the Coast Guard does not fight overseas. JACK MATHIS. Way to go, Jack.



THE INVASION KID—At age 15, Coast Guard Seaman Second Class Gerald W. Haidon gained national fame for being the youngest invader of Normandy during World War II. A native of Chicago, he enlisted when he was 14 and celebrated his 15th birthday under a Nazi bombing attack in the Mediterranean Sea. Crew mates discovered his age after the Normandy Invasion.

DESTROYER ESCORTS MANNED BY THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD - 1943-1946

DE#	USS Name	Date of Commissioning	1st Comm. Officer	Built by	At
CortDiv 20					
249	Marchand	08 Sept 43	G.I. Lynch	Brown Shipbldg	Houston, TX
250	Hurst	30 Aug 43	B.H. Brailer	" "	" "
251	Camp	30 Aug 43	B.P. Mavor	" "	" "
252	H.D. Crow	27 Sept 43	D.T. Adams	" "	" "
253	Pettit	23 Sept 43	W.B. Ellis	" "	" "
254	Ricketts	05 Oct 43	G.L. Rollins	" "	" "
CortDiv 22					
151	Poole	29 Sept 43	R.D. Dean	Consolidated	Orange, TX
152	Peterson	29 Sept 43	R.F. Rea	" "	" "
316	Haverson	12 Oct 43	P.L. Stinson	" "	" "
317	Joyce	30 Sept 43	R. Wilcox	" "	" "
318	Kirkpatrick	23 Oct 43	V.B. Bakanas	" "	" "
319	Leopold *	18 Oct 43	K.C. Phillips	" "	" "
CortDiv 23					
255	Sellstrom	12 Oct 43	W.L. Maloney	Brown Shipbldg	Houston, TX
382	Ramsden	19 Oct 43	J.E. Madacey	" "	" "
383	Mills	12 Oct 43	J.S. Muzzy	" "	" "
384	Rhodes	25 Oct 43	E.A. Coffin. Jr.	" "	" "
385	Richey	30 Oct 43	P.D. Mills	" "	" "
386	Savage	20 Oct 43	O.C. Rohnke	" "	" "
CortDiv 45					
387	Vance	01 Nov 43	E.A. Anderson	Brown Shipbldg	Houston, TX
388	Lansing	10 Nov 43	S.R. Sands, Jr.	" "	" "
389	Durant	16 Nov 43	C.D. Knapp	" "	" "
390	Calcaterra	17 Nov 43	H.J. Wuensch	" "	" "
391	Chambers	22 Nov 43	H.A. Loughlin	" "	" "
392	Merrill	27 Nov 43	I.J. Stephens	" "	" "
CortDiv 46					
320	Menges #	26 Oct 43	F.M. McCabe	Consolidated	Orange, Tx
321	Mosley	30 Oct 43	J.A. Alger	" "	" "
322	Newell	30 Oct 43	R.J. Roberts	" "	" "
323	Pride	13 Nov 43	R.R. Curry	" "	" "
324	Falgout	15 Nov 43	H.A. Meyers	" "	" "
325	Lowe	22 Nov 43	R.H. French	" "	" "

* The USS Leopold was torpedoed by U-255 in the North Atlantic on 9 March 44. There were only 28 survivors. 171 men were lost.

The USS Menges was hit in the stern by an acoustic torpedo suffering 31 dead and 25 severely wounded. The Menges was towed to New York and received the 94' aft section of another torpedoed DE, USS Holder (DE 401).

DESTROYER ESCORTS TRANSFERRED TO THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD - 1951-1954

Old DE #	New WDE #	Name	Old DE #	New WDE #	Name
322	422	Newell	382	482	Ramsden
324	424	Falgout	385	485	Richey
325	425	Lowe	387	487	Vance
328	428	Finch	388	488	Lansing
331	431	Koiner	389	489	Durant
334	434	Forster	391	491	Chambers

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